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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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In response to the Official Action dated December 12, 2008, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on March 12, 2009, the period for reply being extended by two-months to expire on May 12, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks. However, if any additional extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this document.

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